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Docket: 15436.253.67.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Hofmeister et al.	)	
Serial No.:	10/695,346	)	
Filing Date:	October 28, 2003	)	Art Unit
Confirmation No.:	5612	)	2839
For:	ELECTRICAL ADAPTER FOR	)	
	PROTECTING ELECTRICAL	)	
	INTERFACES	)	

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Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

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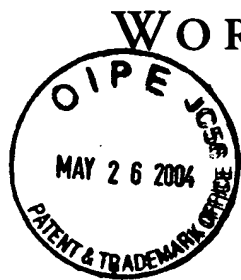
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### TRANSMITTAL FOR RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action mailed May 7, 2004, for entry in the above-identified application.

Enclosed are the following:

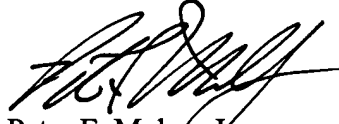
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Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 7, 2004, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement that identified what the Examiner characterized as two distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner suggested that the present application contains claims directed to the following two inventions, namely:

Invention I. - Claims 1-11, drawn to an electrical adapter, classified in class 439, subclass 638; and

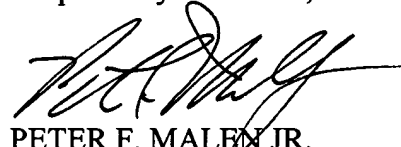
Invention II. - Claims 12-33, drawn to a method of testing, classified in class 324, subclass 755.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Invention I (claims 1-11 drawn to an electrical adapter) for examination, without traverse.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

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